

Conservation Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting, November 22, 2022, 6 p.m.
Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road

Present for the Conservation Commission: Bruton Strange, Chair; Grace Larson, Brittany Nickerson, Bob Nowak Tony Somers,

Others Present: Bob van Gelder, Louise Beckett, Assistant to the Conservation Commission

At 6:00 p.m. Grace convened the meeting.

On a motion from Grace to approve the Minutes of November 15, 2022, Bruton seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Financial Matters

- Invoices - none
- As Received - none

Housing/Building Permits/site Visit

455 Mathews Road - they are building a two-car garage, possibly attached to the house. They need a diagram delineating where the house is in relation to the road. Also need to see how it looks on MassMapper. Town's GIS indicates that there is primary habitat, except where the house is.

Forest Cutting Plans

none

Mail/Announcements

Bob Nowak is resigning his position on the Conservation Commission, effective today. Bruton thanked Bob for his many years of service on the Commission.

Miscellaneous Matters

none

Hearings

6:10 pm – RDA 476 Bardwells Ferry Rd – well drilling - Bob needs to drill a well about 30' from the house. He's in the buffer zone. Bob said he used to have standing water well into the summer months until about 7-8 years ago when the current drought began. There is not a concern about erosion as the drilling company is going up the existing drive.

On a motion from Bruton to propose a negative 5 exclusion, citing 3:10 CMR 10.02 (2)(B)(2E). Grace seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor. No notice of intent is required. Bob has 10 days for the DEP to act on it. If he doesn't hear anything, he's o.k

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6 p.m. at Town Hall

Adjourn: At 6:30 p.m. on a motion from Grace to adjourn, Bruton seconded, all said aye and the

vote was unanimous in favor.